



Docket No. 72478-3417 (AY33ara)

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Masaki Aoki et al.

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For: METHOD OF PRODUCING PLASMA  
DISPLAY PANEL WITH PROTECTIVE  
LAYER OF AN ALKALINE EARTH  
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U.S. Patent No. 5,559,403  
(corresponds to Japanese Laid-open Patent Application No. 5-144378)  
U.S. Patent No. 5,510,678  
(corresponds to Japanese Laid-open Patent Application No. 5-144378)  
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Copies of these references and a form PTO-A820 are attached.

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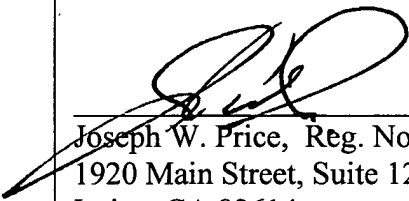
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**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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